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1. General points regarding the contribution of the agricultural sector to economic development.

   (a) Increasing the supply of agricultural products to keep pace with growing demand.

   (b) Improving the balance of payments by the export of agricultural products.

   (c) The transfer of agricultural labour to other sectors.

   (d) The contribution of agriculture to capital formation.

2. The specific problems of peasant agricultural land in the developing countries.

   (a) The size of holdings and the relationship between land, capital and labour.

   (b) Inefficiency resulting from the system of land ownership.

   (c) Differences in efficiency between farms.

   (d) Lack of technical progress.

3. Methods of analysis and action to improve efficiency on peasant farms.

   (a) Checking of the level of efficiency and assessment of the production potential of the farms themselves.

   (b) Comparative methods of analysing farms and improvement of the capacity of farmers.

   (c) Planning methods for improving farm organisation and raising the technical level.

   (d) The relation between measures to improve farm management and action in the technical and social fields.

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